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MY ASKINGS

I asked for Peace—
My sins arose,
And bound me close,
I could not find release.
I asked for Truth—
My doubts came in,
And with their din
They wearied all my youth.
I asked for Love—
My lovers failed,
And griefs assailed
Around, beneath, above.
I asked for Thee—
And Thou didst come
To take me home
Within Thy heart to be,—
And then I had all three,—
Sweet Peace, whole Truth, and Love in Thee.

WHERE CHURCHES FAIL

The Dishonest Church

If a man breaks his promises without compunction we know what to think of him. Is it any less evil for a church to do the same thing? A church calls a man to be its pastor and stipulates to pay him a certain monthly salary. It ought to live up to its contract. It is a dishonest church if it does not; and a dishonest church is more abhorrent than a dishonest man.

Church trustees! See to it that your pastor is paid promptly and in full every time the pay day comes around. Church members! Investigate and learn if your pastor is defrauded of his earnings by the carelessness or neglect of your board of trustees, or by your own inadequate support of the church. And remedy the defect. Be fair to your minister. He will not complain; that is not his nature. But that does not relieve the church of its sin. The church ought to be more business-like than business itself. What ought to be, can be.

The Irreverent Church

The visitor was on time at the morning service. Counting himself and the minister there were exactly nine persons in the auditorium when the Doxology was sung. Between that and the sermon thirty-eight other persons sauntered into the room. They straggled in while the Scripture lesson was being read; some stole in while the congregation was engaged in prayer. When the congregation was all assembled, piecemeal, as it were, there were forty people at the morning service.

That was a small congregation on a pleasant Sunday morning from a resident membership of over one hundred and fifty. But its smallness was the least of its faults. It was an irreverent congregation. Thirty-eight people did what they could unintentionally to interrupt and destroy that morning's worship. Coming late to church is not only discourteous and shiftless, but it is irreverent. God's House deserves better treatment at the hands of its friends. Paul writes to Timothy in order that he should know "how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God."

VALUE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The superintendent of schools in a New York county has written to the Interchurch Survey Supervisor in the county, volunteering to visit all the Sunday Schools in his district with a view to finding what can be done by public schools to co-operate with Sunday Schools in developing Christian manhood and womanhood. The same superintendent has offered to devote two days of the week to Sunday School work.

He says "The public schools are doing a great work in training for citizenship and efficient men and women, but are falling down in developing Christian manhood and womanhood. I am very eager to see a the Church and ready for all the activities of Chrislarge per cent of my school children graduating into tian living."

IMPROVING THE SALARIES.

The Directors of the Southern California Conference have taken knowledge of the fact that 22 of their churches pay salaries of less than $1,000 each, with the result that many of the churches are unable to get satisfactory pastors, or to keep them very long.

They have decided that no church ought to fall below a standard of $1,500 without a parsonage, or $1,200 with. To encourage such churches to pay a living salary, the Directors offer to match every two dollars of increase on the part of the church, by one dollar from the Conference. The poorly paid pastors will certainly not object to this forward movement.

The people are talking to the pastor about their shortcomings in knowledge of the Bible. This points out one of the things for us to do next: to learn to know the Bible.

The pastor accepts the challenge with eagerness and will endeavor to meet it with stated Bible Lessons in the pulpit and on Wednesday evenings. There is reason to believe that there will be immediate interest and response. —Berkeley, North.

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THE APRIL DRIVE

The Interchurch movement made a big drive during the eight days from April 25 to May 2, including the two Sundays. The campaign is for $336,777,572. Of that amount about $165,000,000 is to be pledged by church members. The expert has figured that to be three cents per day per member for one year. The only peril in such figures is that those who give may be tempted to give three cents, forgetting the thousands who won't give a cent. Let the delinquents give the three cents.

The Congregational World movement proposed to raise $3,300,000 during that April drive.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Many churches put forth their beliefs and aspirations in the form of creed or covenant. We have thought it would be instructive and very valuable if we might have a full collection of these for publication from time to time. Below we give the statement that is issued on the bulletin of the Fresno First Church:

Church Covenant

Our bond of union in this church is a common loyalty to Jesus Christ. We believe that the Lord's whole requirement is to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We cherish for each person the fullest liberty in the interpretation of truth, and we gladly grant to others the freedom we claim for ourselves.

Sharing with us this faith and purpose you covenant with this church as your church. You promise to loyally sustain its worship; to seek its purity, peace and increase; to work with its members to the end that the Master's spirit of courage, joy sacrifice and brotherhood shall reign in all the life of men. You will strive earnestly that you may know the truth, that the world shall be full of the knowledge of God, that justice shall reign in our social life and peace and righteousness among the nations.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR

D. M. Gandier, the leader of the "Dry" forces of California in a message recently issued from his sick bed, says that there are three important tasks for the friends of prohibition: First and most important is to secure approval of the Harris bill which is held up by a referendum and to be voted upon in November. "The defeat of the Harris bill would be heralded by the liquor interests all over the nation as California's repudiation of the Eighteenth Amendment."

The Second duty is to elect a legislature which will favor the enforcement of prohibition in California. We must keep track of candidates in one hundred districts and see that they declare themselves on the fundamental American principle of loyalty to the Constitution.

The Third duty is to elect Congressmen and a United States Senator who are in sympathy with that Amendment. He commends A. J. Wallace as the safest man for the "Drys" to rally around for the Senate.

THE SHIN TENCHI

The editor has at hand a very attractive ten-page monthly paper which bears the above title but of which he is able to read not a word. The title means "The New Order," or something like that. The periodical is edited by Rev. K. Nukaga, our busy Japanese pastor in Oakland. He has very kindly explained the purpose and effort of his newspaper.

"The Shin Tenchi is the organ of Congregational and Presbyterian churches, issuing every month with the purpose of Evangelization or Christianization of Japanese on the Pacific Coast. Its circulation is not limited in California, but extends to Oregon, Washington, Utah and also to Japan. We are trying too, to Americanize our people, having a conception that the real Americanization must be completed by the Christianization. The following resolution which we workers for the Japanese presented in the annual conference last year, will explain what our paper is.

1st. We emphasize the Spirit of democracy, liberty and equality based on the principles of Christianity.

2nd. Taking into account the relationship of Japan to other nations we resolve to publish the Message and Spirit of Christianity in this land with greater earnestness.

3rd. In conformity with the desire of the government of the United States, we Christians living in this land must show ourselves to be strongly in favor of Americanization.

4th. We resolve to impress upon our countrymen the superiority of Christian moral standards.

5th. We resolve to do all in our power to promote the education of Japanese children in this land, to better the condition of our women, and to elevate the standard of living among our people."

WE WANT

We want facts; encouraging facts; facts about your church; facts that make you happy in work; facts that you ought to be glad to report.

We want subscriptions; plenty of subscriptions; subscriptions from every family in your church. Our mailing list on Feb. 1 had 731 names. By Dec. 31 we want 1,500 names. Can we do it? Yes, we can.

We want "pushers." We have had drives galore and are bound to have more. God-speed to all good drives; but give us a good push; we want pushers.

Keep above the average. It is the church below the average that keeps the average down. If nobody fell below the average, the average would always be over the top.

THE CITY TEMPLE, LONDON

Capt. F. W. Norwood, of Australia, chaplain during the late war, a Baptist, has been called to succeed Dr. Fort Newton. His entry to the world-famous pulpit was marked by this message:

"I come before you, my people, with nothing in my heart except hope. It was your wish to lay your hands upon me when I was going back to the remote spaces of the land which I had never left until the great war called me. You know what you have done. You have either tempted a life to its breaking or encouraged it to its making, the future will tell us which."

The Christian-Evangelist says that the calling of this unknown man shows either the insight or recklessness of the City Temple people.

WHEN SUNDAY COMES

By John Andrew Holmes

A man's success is determined more largely by his will power than by any other one thing. The following test of your strength of will is suggested. Resolve to attend church ten Sundays in succession, come what may. Then mark yourself ten for every Sunday you succeed in carrying out your resolution. If you can earn 100 in the ten weeks, you can make a success of life. The Congregationalist.

Some parents have the foolish notion that it does the child no good to be compelled to attend church. They do not reason that way about attending school or about acquiring other wholesome habits. The boy who has an aversion to daily washing his face or combing his hair is not allowed to exercise his preference in these matters. By constant repetition, though under compulsion at first, he learns to love neatness and acquire habits of study and industry. Why not in the same way teach him habits of reverence, of worship, of Sabbath observance and church-going?

The figures for San Francisco arrests during Jan. and Feb. of 1919 compared with the arrests for the same months in 1920 ought to teach a lesson readable by all men. In the two "wet" months a year ago all arrests in the city amounted to 8,974, in the same two "dry" months this year, they were 4,794, an almost 50 per cent reduction of crime, and no one thinks that prohibition is ideally enforced in this city. The number of arrests for "drunks" in that time was reduced from 2,554 to 334.

Mrs. Lucy W. Peabody in an address on "A wider world for women," emphasized the four following points:

"God meant women to be teachers.

"God meant women to take care of the sick.

"God gave women the power to tell stories to children.

"God made women to seek Him, always, everywhere."

NOT THE RULER

Not the ruler for me, but the ranker, the tramp of the road,
The slave with the sack on his shoulders pricked on with the goad.
The man with too weighty a burden, too weary a load.
The sailor, the stoker of steamers, the man with the clout.
The chantyman bent at the halliards putting a tune to the shout;
The drowsy man at the wheel and the tired look-out.
Others may sing of the wine, and the wealth, and the mirth,
The portly presence of potentates goodly in girth—
Mine be the dirt and the dross, the dust and scum of the earth,
Theirs be the music, the colour, the glory, the gold;
Mine be a handful of ashes, a mouthful of mould.
Of the maimed, and the halt, and the blind in the rain and the cold—
Of these shall my songs be fashioned, my tales be told.

John Masefield.

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Commencement Day was Thursday, April 29th, with Rev. Wm. T. McElveen of Portland, Oregon as the speaker. With this day President C. S. Nash's term of office expires, he having already resigned on account of continued ill health. Dr. Nash has the sympathy, heart-felt and deep, of a multitude of friends. The alumni luncheon was to have been in honor of both Mr. and Mrs. Nash. Two graduates receive the B. D. degree, Robert Cecil McAdie and Teinosuke Misawa.

Prof. C. C .McCown has been awarded the Thayer Fellowship in the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem for the year 1920-21. Dr. McCown will leave immediately for the east.

Five Canadian denominations, Angelican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian, have just completed a successful joint campaign. The financial drive of one week brought in about $12,000,000, as against an official joint objective of $11,440,000. The organization represented 10,330 congregations and 1,066,000 communicants.

"Evidence that the leaven of unity is working among many of the important church bodies of the United States is apparent in the common effort now being made to take religion out of the competitive field."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

We are glad to announce that we have a clubbing arrangement with the Congregationalist. Both the Congregationalist and Pacific can be had for three dollars per year. This applies to old as well as new subscriptions. Send all communications to "The Pacific, 423 Phelan Building, San Francisco, Calif."

Twenty-six million young people,—think of it, 26,000,000—are growing up in this country with no religious training.

TH INSTITUTIO

When once thy foot enters the church, be bare:
God is more there than thou; for thou art there
Only by his permission. Then beware,
And make thyself all reverence and fear.

Benicia

Two splendid and largely attended services marked Easter Sunday in the Benicia Congregational Church, "A Community Church." The evening audience practically filled the auditorium and was the largest that the church has seen for many years. A first class special choir was a leading feature of the services. The annual church dinner and business meeting in January was the largest in attendance and enthusiasm for may years and gave new courage to those who have carried the burden during recent difficult years. Asked for $125 in the Pilgrim Memorial Fund campaign, $350 in pledges were raised. Of the present membership of 79, there have been 29 received during the present pastorate of less than two years. A new spirit of hopefulness permeates this church which was so much discouraged for several years. La Rue Watson is pastor.

Cloverdale

Rev. E. D. Weage, the pastor, was happy on Easter day in receiving 19 new members to his flock, besides baptizing eight children. His sermon was on "The Easter Message for Today."

Stockton

It was a great sight in the church to see 30 people, all adults, uniting with this church on Easter morning. Seventeen of these people came in on confession. Pastor Gill preached on "The Life That is Risen With Christ." In the evening a special program of Easter music was rendered by the fine choir.

San Diego, Logan Heights

A legacy of five hundred dollars has been recently received which clears the property of all debt. Two hundred and fifty dollars has been added to the pastor's salary.

Porterville

Easter was a great day. The church received forty-three new members, the largest group ever admitted at one time in the history of the church. It was a great sight and every heart was filled with joy. This opens the way for others who are coming by twos and threes. This was the result in part of union meetings but chiefly of faithful work in the Sunday School. Every member received was dealt with thoroughly, in a careful hand-to-hand way, so that permanency is insured. The prayer meeting has outgrown the "cottage plan," so it is forced back to the church parlors. Rev. C. R. Shatto is pastor and since beginning his pastorate in September last he has received 68 new members to the church.

Auburn, East

Easter dawn services on Aolea Heights was a most inspiring community affair, with about 2500 people in attendance. At the morning service of the church the auditorium was filled; there was fine music; three children and four young people were baptized, besides receiving ten new members into the church. A while ago the Ladies Guild started a parsonage fund; they had accumulated a little over one hundred dollars, when one of the ladies gave one thousand dollars to the fund. This brought matters to a white heat; the Easter offering was added, and the Ladies Guild has now on hand in cash and pledges, $2812. The church is happy over its progress under Grant L. Shaeffer its pastor.

San Jose

The church has voted to make its Interchurch canvass by mail. This vote was taken in view of the fact that the church had just been through a church-debt campaign, besides the Pilgrim Memorial Fund drive.

San Lorenzo

The largest congregation for years, and everybody happy. Five new members added upon confession of their faith. Since the beginning of the war fourteen have been received, and all but two upon confession. The congregations at the beginning of this pastorate of Rev. W. W. Furze numbered six and eight, they have been steadily growing; Easter's congregation was forty and more. On a recent Sunday Stephen Mark, a Christian Chinese, spoke to an audience of 85 on the "Religions of China."

Santa Barbara

The old church has been doing well under the care of Chester Ferris. The apportionment for benevolences and the quota for the Pilgrim Memorial Fund were both met. A group of Camp Fire Girls has been organized with Mrs. Ferris as Guardian.

Fresno, Chinese

Among recent events the most important is the resuscitation of our Chinese work. It had become so completely dead that the Mission House had been turned over to the prosperous Japanese church. This stirred quite a sensation among the Chinese and a movement was started to revive their work. A petition was signed by four firms with their stamps and 37 individuals, promising cooperation and support. $450 has been deposited in the bank to the credit of the newly organized association, known as "The Fresno Association of Christian Chinese." On March 19th a reception was tendered to W. C. Pond, D. D., in honor of his ninetieth birthday. Three Christian workers from Pastor Giffen's church are helping in the mission. On March 21, Dr. Pond preached and baptized three young men, also administering the Lord's Supper. Mr. Joe Dun, who for several years was missionary helper in this mission, a devout and efficient worker, pledged $100 towards the current expenses of the year. The work starts under happy auspices.

Berkeley, Chinese

Easter Sunday was a marked day, the audience was large. Six young girls had formed themselves into a choir and sang finely. One of these and five young men were baptized and received into the church, the largest accession to this church at one time. The effort of this church is to reach the Chinese students in the University.

San Diego, Japanese

The new mission house will probably be dedicated on May 2, the contractor promising to have it in readiness by April 28. It is a very commodious building with rooms enough for every purpose which the mission now has in view. The lot cost $2250 and the building $7750. The part borne by the Japanese is very creditable.

Woodside

The little church was full on Easter day. The Sunday school gave a missionary program which was the best thing we have ever had on such an occasion. The offerings by the Sunday school amounted to $30 and by the church $37, of this total $45 goes to missions. One adult was received to the membership upon confession.

Sonoma

On Easter Sunday the Ladies Aid Society attended in a body and were given a place of honor as guests of the church. Pastor Cookman spoke on "The Meaning of Easter." In the evening the Odd Fellows attended in a body and heard an address on "Who is My Neighbor?" The audiences and music at both services were fine. Mr. Cookman also held a service in the afternoon at the State Home at Eldridge.

Torrington, Conn., Center.

The indoor picnic of the Young Peoples' Department of the Church School held last week, proved to be a great success. The judges surely had an exceedingly hard task to decide which class should receive the honor for the most attractive table. The Glad-game Class won out. The Every-ready Class received the honor for the best stunts. These two classes will receive banners showing their class names. Much credit is due the young people for their originality shown in decorating their tables, their class hat, their picnic supper, class song, and stunts. It was surely a young people's picnic.

Kent, Oregon.

When farmers near this little town go to town to "do their trading," the person who measures out the sugar, molasses and calico they want to buy at the general store is the minister whom they hear in the pulpit of the community church on Sunday.

The parishioners say he is as good a storekeeper as pastor, and corroborate his assertion that not one family in the community is untouched by the church. Recently sixty persons were added to the church membership in four weeks. A new church building to cost from $10,000 to $20,000 is being planned.

Gem County, Idaho.

Oyster suppers and ice cream "sociables" play a comparatively small part in raising a "typical dollar" for church purposes in Gem County, Idaho, reports an interchurch surveyor. In villages of the county 88 per cent of the dollar is raised by subscription and 10 per cent by collection. Thus only 2 per cent is left to the tender mercies of box suppers and the usual means of extracting money from the unwilling giver who can be appealed to only through his stomach.

In the country, the percentage of persons whose pockets cooking of the church women opens is slightly larger than in the small towns. Seventy-five per cent here is raised by subscription, 14 per cent by collection and the remainder, 12 per cent, in "other ways."

From the bound feet of Chinese girls of old-time to the tennis playing Chinese girl of today is something of a leap. These happy ones are Christian college girls of Pekin

Fruitvale

The church has been burdened for years with a debt that crippled its efficiency. With the masterful help of Dr. R. C. Brooks and the self-sacrificing assistance of the people, the pastor C. F. Clarke is happy to report that the burden is lifted. The church made pledges amounting to $2,200.

Tipton

One of our smaller churches, but since the coming of the new pastor, Jessie Getty Heath, very active and hopeful. On January 3 nine were received into the church by letter, three on confession, and two on re-affirmation; on Easter two more were added, making a total for this year of sixteen. The church had only twenty-four members on January 1, so the gain has been a 66 per cent increase. The church has had assistance for many years from the Home Missionary Society, but has voted to try self-support for the next six months at least. The church went over the top in its Pilgrim Fund drive, and accepts an increase on its benevolence apportionment. Success to the little church.

Oakland First

The church school on Sunday mornings is running a valuable innovation in the shape of nature studies. Six Sundays are to be given in part to study of flowers, birds and mountains, the handiwork of God. F. F. Barbour, collector of innumerable wild flowers,

Prof. Bade, lover of all nature but special friend of the feathery sort, and Dr. Van Horn, speaker for the mountains, are to co-operate in this important series of lessons.

Lodi

Easter was a great day, with great crowds, and with decorations that were "a little taste of heaven." Eight new members were received on confessions of faith and two by letter. Four were baptized. An Easter free-will oqering was made amounting to over $400. In the evening the choir gave an Easter cantata, "Easter Memories," with a crowded house. The Lodi church is in on the Congregational World Movement, having $1000 already in sight of their $1600 quota. Rev. W. A. Schwimley is pastor of this wide-awake church.

Paradise

Easter was a day of rejoicing with us, partly on account of the large increase of our workers; 24 new members were received, nine of them on confession. The membership is now 107. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Whitaker resigned on April 11, having been reappointed to the North China Mission by the American Board. He sails with his family on July 6th.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PILGRIMS

The spring rally of the Pilgrim Legion and the Congregational young people of the Bay region will be held in Park Church of Berkeley on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 15th, beginning at 3:30 with a pageant, presented by the young people of the First Church of Oakland, assisted by the Girls' Choir of Park Church. At 6:00 o'clock dinner will be served by the ladies of the church at 50c a plate and the evening program will include a series of five minute talks by young people of the churches, followed by an address by Dr. Van Horn on "Great Possessions."

Chapters of the Pilgrim Legion will wish to have every member present and the committee in charge is anxious to secure the attendance of every young person possible from the churches of this section. The two rallies that were held last year, at the North Church of Berkeley and in connection with the State Conference at the First Church of San Francisco, have shown how pleasant and profitable it is for Congregational young people to get together upon occasions like this and this promises to be the best yet.

Accommodations for the dinner are limited and the space will be reserved strictly for the young people. Reservations should be made by churches for their young people not later than May 12th in order to be sure of the places.

Said the Governor of North Carolina, "I am satisfied that the people do not consume one-tenth as much intoxicating liquors as they did before, and the progress of the State along industrial and educational lines has been relatively twice as great as it was before prohibition—a magnificent asset to the State of North Carolina."

The Presbyterians usually gave for missions per capita $3.89. In their New Era campaign they went to $7.46.

ANCIENT LANDMARK REMOVED

In 1873—forty-seven years ago—the Bethany Congregational church of San Francisco was organized. For forty-five years it has worshipped in its present edifice. It has had a notable history and done a noble work. Probably its most important contribution to the Kingdom was its fostering care over the Chinese converts, many of whom at one time were in its membership.

This important church voted recently to federate with the Trinity Center Presbyterian church, located in the same neighborhood. The union of these two churches will take place about June 1. The property of Bethany will be deeded to the Northern Congregational Conference; its organ will be donated to the Chinese Congregational Association appropriately inscribed as memorial of Rev. W. C. Pond, D. D., for so many years the pastor of the church. In the federation Bethany will still maintain its identity as a Congregational church and its relation to the work of our denomination.

This is the day of the Interchurch, and we ought to rejoice in every movement toward union; yet one cannot but feel sad over this change in the status of a church having so fine a history. Changes in the population round about the edifice makes it impossible to continue the work as in former days.

THE PICNIC

For a dozen years or so the Congregational ministers and their families who live about the Bay have been in the habit of picnicking together in Mill Valley soon after Easter. From thirty-five to fifty good fellows of both sexes have usually fellowshipped on those happy Mondays. This year the good old custom is to be continued. On Monday morning, May 3, the parsons and their wives with all the children will take the 9:45 Sausalito boat for Mill Valley to eat their lunch in the Old-Mill grove, and to enjoy the program provided by the committee. As usual the Mill Valley pastor and his wife will provide good coffee for the thirsty pilgrims.

RETREAT AT AVALON

The Congregational ministers of Southern California for the eighth time held a spiritual conference on Catalina Island the five days following Easter. More than sixty were present. The mornings were spent in conference on "Round Top," and the evenings in the church. The afternoons were devoted to relaxation and pleasure.

A straw vote was taken upon the presidential situation. It was no surprise that Mr. Hoover was the favorite. The significant ballot stood as follows: Hoover, 47; Wood, 4; Lowden, 2; Bryan, 2; Wilson, 1; McAdoo, 1, and not a solitary vote for Johnson. The voters were all Californians, good and true.

One of the afternoons was used in a mock presidential convention, which afforded a good deal of fun for those who were lucky enough to attend. Henry Ford was impersonated by Carl Patton, Bryan by Clyde Shepard, Hiram Johnson by E. H. Willisford, Hoover by E. E. Day, and Wood by W. O. Wark.

THE INDIVIDUAL

Men in great place are thrice servants: Servants of the sovereign or State; servants of fame; and servants of business.

Rev. T. T. Giffen of the First Church, Fresno, is preaching a series of sermons on "The Great Essentials of the Christian Religion"; his seven topics are, to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly, to love oneself and one's neighbor, to practice immortality, to believe in God, and to build a better world.

Rev. Bryant C. Preston, after four years and more of service at Palo Alto has resigned, much to the regret of his people and many friends about the Bay. It is hoped that he will soon be able to take up work again in one of our California churches. Mr. Preston has just come out of the hospital after a minor operation. His church generously continues his salary until June 1.

Mrs. Harry J. Bostwick has felt compelled to resign her office as President of the Northern California Branch of the Woman's Board, on account of ill health. The work calls for considerable time and strength, and during her months of occupancy Mrs. Bostwick has not stinted either.

Rev. C. L. Mears for so many years the pastor at Alameda writes of his work in Minneapolis as very promising. The building is inadequate for the congregations that gather; every Sunday morning from 35 to 150 extra chairs have to be brought in to seat the congregations. Easter accessions were 63, 37 of whom were on confession of faith. His son, Gilbert, has a boy's class of high school age, numbering over 50. The Sunday School overflows the building. All Mr. Mear's friends will rejoice over this happy record.

Rev. F. J. Van Horn of the First Oakland is at Honolulu in attendance upon the Centennial celebration of the arrival of the missionaries in the islands.

Rev. F. F. Farrington has resigned the pastorate at Petaluma after a most promising service there of three years. It is understood that he intends going into business. This is a real loss not alone to the church, but to the Congregational ministry.

Rev. Chester Ferris of Santa Barbara has been laid up with pleurisy since the first of March. His church has very generously given him a purse of money, and voted him a six months' vacation on full salary.

Rev. Chas. L. Kloss has, to the joy of his church and all the Congregationalists about the Bay, decided to withdraw his resignation and to continue in the pastorate of the Oakland Plymouth. One hundred of his men came forward with a pledge of hearty support in the undertakings of the church, if only he would stay by the stuff; that was an argument Dr. Kloss was unable to ignore.

Rev. C. C. Champlin for some time pastor at San Rafael is now in charge of the Champlin ranch, the old homestead near Sonoma, "a dairy farmer and raising my boys out of doors." The increasing years and feebleness of his parents called him from the active ministry.

Rev. Arthur B. Patten, formerly of the Sacramento church, said to his people at Torrington, Ct., "We have come to our Easter festival with high hearts." He received forty members to his church amid flowers and songs.

Mrs. A. B. Pebbles, the wife of the pastor at Arvin, who has been seriously ill at the San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield is much better and able to return to her home at Arvin.

Rev. A. Clark Selby and family now occupy the new parsonage of the Pilgrim Church at Bakersfield.

MONDAY CLUB.

March. 29. Rev. B. F. Sargent in an interesting and instructive manner pictured China as it impressed him after a prolonged visit in that land, "as large as and more diversified than the United States." The poverty of the people is beyond American imagination,—abject poverty. One of the most eloquent of our native speakers there, as a boy, was indispensable to his home because by his labors gathering fertilizer he earned two cents a day. He could not be spared to the Christian school unless somehow those two cents could be made up to the household by his would-be benefactors. Such poverty results in many things, one is that the Law of the Jungle prevails. No fruit, not even a cucumber, ripens except the owner's eye is constantly upon it. Never to have one's hunger appeased is the experience of many in that over-populated land.

April 19. To a small audience present, Captain Day pleaded for a better provision for arrested men in the courts. The state furnishes a prosecuting attorney whose business it is to convict every man who comes before the judge. The state should provide a defender to see that every man has a fair chance to prove himself innocent. The innocent poor, under arrest, have a slim chance for acquital; at least the organization of justice is strongly in favor of their conviction. Captain Day reports 174 conversions among the prisoners at San Quentin last year. A "conversion" is not counted until the man has proven his confession by his works.

WHAT THEY ARE PREACHING ABOUT

Rev. Fred O. Holloway at Mission, San Francisco, is preaching Sunday mornings on the "Books of the Bible," taking one book at a time, explaining origin, meaning and value of it.

Rev. E. A. King of San Jose told his people about "His Easter in France."

Rev. Ralph B. Larkin at Berkeley North, preached on "All that a Man Has."

Rev. T. T. Giffin of Fresno First has spoken on "The Practice of Immortality" and "The Charter of Our Spiritual Liberties."

Rev. William H. Youngman of Loomis preached Easter morning on "The Living Christ."

Rev. R. H. Baldwin of San Mateo took for his Easter eve theme, "I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth."

"All, yes all I give for Jesus." Congregationalists seem content to give four cents per week for missions.

Not how much of my money will I give to God; but how much of God's money will I use on myself.

EASTER ADDITIONS

	Confession	Total
Oakland Plymouth	5	18
Berkeley, North	13	31
Berkeley, Bethany	2	2
San Lorenzo	5	5
San Francisco, Sunset	7	7
San Francisco, Mission	2	3
Mill Valley	4	5
Fresno	13	42
San Mateo	4	13
Stoctkon	17	30
Petaluma		7
Auburn, East	8	10
Cloverdale		19
San Jose		9
Porterville	29	43
Tipton	7	16
Lodi	8	10
Paradise	9	24
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For six weeks the Christian workers of California will have a royal opportunity for instruction and training by the University at Berkeley. From June 21 to July 31, the summer session offers courses in religion and religious education.

Prof. H. F. Evans of the Pacific School of Religion will discuss the "Principles and Organization of Religious Education"; he will consider the religious life and its place in human development; the moral and religious development of the growing child. Special attention will be given to the organization of the modern graded church school, week day instruction and recent accredited Bible study plans. Dr. Evans has already proven his exceeding worth in this department of religious work.

Others to offer courses along similar lines are Prof. Everett of Brown University, Prof. Jastrow of the University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Pitkin of Columbia University, and Prof. Ryder of California.

Any one desiring detailed information concerning these courses can obtain it by writing to the Dean of the Summer Session, University of California, Berkeley.

THE WORST BOYS IN TOWN

"When a boy is ill, the doctor will say, 'Let me see your tongue.' It is not the seat of the disease, but the tongue is sensitive, and while the difficulty is in the system it will be shown on the tongue. When the doctor treats him, he does not prescribe for the tongue but for his deeper malady, and the tongue is soon clean. Something is the matter with the boy that makes him foul mouthed."

This excerpt from a recent book by James L. Hill (The Stratford Company, Boston) reveals something of the tone of the volume. On page after page the reader will find illustration and pungent analysis that will well repay the reading.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Southern California Congregational Conference meets in the First Church, Los Angeles, May 10-12. This is the thirty-fourth annual meeting. At the forefront of matters to be considered is "The Movies." "The craze for amusements seems to hit California harder than any other part of the country," so the delegates will discuss the influence of the movies upon educational ideals, upon the habits of young people, their moral influence and possible use in the churches.

Other themes to be considered will be, the changing attitude toward amusements, the emergency fund campaign, the Interchurch movement, and the relation of the Conference to the Sunday School Association.

WHERE TEACHER TRAINING IS NO MYTH.

A class of ten young people in the Mt. Hollywood Church, under the leadership of Mrs. A. H. Weitkamp, has recently started on its second term of ten weeks in the Pilgrim Training Course for Teachers. The entire group successfully passed the written examination on the first unit of the course, the papers having been forwarded to Boston for correction. A certificate is issued to each student who passes such an examination and a diploma is given when the entire course is completed.

This group, meeting at the church school hour on Sunday mornings, is pursuing earnest work which will prove very helpful to them in the future, whether they actually undertake service in the church school or not. More classes of this sort should be organized for the training of prospective workers.

THE SLUMP IN MEMBERSHIP

The average annual increase in church membership in the United States for the decade 1908-17 was 771,947. The net increase in 1919 dropped to 56,301, a disheartening showing. The following big denominations showed a net loss in 1919:

Baptists (15 bodies)	11,102
Disciples of Christ (2 bodies)	17,645
Methodists (15 bodies)	75,957
Presbyterians (10 bodies)	46,259
Total	150,963

In that year the Congregationalists had a net increase of 6,204, while the Western Catholics (2 bodies) report a net gain of 162,294.

Last year the Presbyterians raised $21,000,000 for church expenses, and $11,000,000 for benevolences. That is 6 cents a day for the church and 2 cents for the missions. This year they are planning to raise 30 million for the church and 23 million for the missionary boards.

The real California peril is not "yellow". The Interchurch surveys reveal the fact that 649,8[illegible] nominally Protestant boys and girls under twenty-five years of age are not connected with any church school. Such a condition is a sure enough menace.

The fifty-third annual convention of the California State Sunday School Association meets in two places at Visalia on May 12-14 and at Palo Alto May 18-20.